

29 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Conversation with William Woodruff, Staff Member
Senate Appropriations Committee re Intelligence
Budget - 28 March 1972

1. During the course of discussions with Bill Woodruff on presentations of the Community program to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Bill raised a number of questions about the specific content of the National Intelligence Budget -- this year and in years to come.

2. He stated that while the Committee would not expect the Director to be in a position this year to address specifics within each agency's budget, he did feel they would want the Director to indicate that he was taking steps now to determine the best mix in the National Intelligence Budget. I asked him what he meant precisely by this, and he said -- "begin to purge the national figures of elements now included in the numbers under national

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[REDACTED] He advised that he planned to talk to John Holleran, the NRO comptroller, along these same lines and ended by saying that this type of split tended to confuse the chairman and that he proposed to suggest to the chairman that given the Director's new responsibilities he be asked to take a hard look at the entire process and look for alternative ways of handling the matters in the appropriation request. I explained to Bill that a good deal of work had been done in these matters, but the problem was not a simple one and involved the OMB, the DoD comptroller as well as the Congress.

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Woodruff stated that he planned to prepare something for the Appropriations Committee report on defense which would spell out in one or two lines, the total cost of intelligence by broad activity. He repeated the rationale provided to him by Colonel White for holding down on visibility of the Intelligence total figure. He said he understood this rationale but rejected it, observing that "it worked with Senator Russell, but those days are gone". He asked that when he has prepared his paper for inclusion in the Appropriations Committee report, we look it over and provide him with comments thereon.

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